

No. 1 at Cape May County Airport, New Jersey.

# REID AMENDMENTS NOS. 1673-1674

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REID submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

## AMENDMENT NO. 1673

At an appropriate place in the Federal-aid Highways (Limitations on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund) section insert the following: "Provided further, That, not withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at the request of the State of Nevada, transfer up to \$10,000,000 OF Minimum Guarantee apportionments, and an equal amount of obligation authority, to the State of California for use on High Priority Project No. 829 'Widen I-15 in San Bernardino County,' Section 1602 of Public Law 105-178."

## AMENDMENT NO. 1674

At an appropriate place in the Federal-aid Highways (Limitations on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund) section insert the following: "Provided further, that, not withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at the request of the State of Nevada, transfer up to \$10,000,000 OF Minimum Guarantee apportionments, and an equal amount of obligation authority, to the State of California for use on High Priority Project No. 829 'Widen I-15 in San Bernardino County,' Section 1602 of Public Law 105-178."

# DORGAN (AND CONRAD) AMENDMENT NO. 1675

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

On page 91, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

## SEC. 3 . EMERGENCY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR SPIRIT LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION.

Of the amount available for obligation from the emergency fund authorized by section 125 of title 23, United States Code, \$15,419,198 shall be obligated to pay for the repair or reconstruction of highways, roads, and trails in the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation that were damaged by disasters that occurred before the date of enactment of this Act.

# LANDRIEU (AND WYDEN) AMENDMENT NO. 1676

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

On page 65, line 22, before the period at the end of the line, insert the following: "Provided, That the funds made available under this heading shall be used for the submission to the appropriate committees of Congress by the Inspector General, not later than July 15, 2000, of a report on the extent to which air carriers and foreign carriers deny travel to airline consumers with non-refundable tickets from one carrier to another, including recommendations to develop a passenger-friendly and cost-effective solution to ticket transfers among airlines when seats are available."

# GORTON (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1677

Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

## SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING CAFE STANDARDS.

- (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—
- (1) the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) law, codified at chapter 329 of title 49, United States Code, is critical to reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide, and saving consumers money at the gas pump;
  - (2) the cars and light trucks of the United States are responsible for 20 percent of the carbon dioxide pollution generated in the United States;
  - (3) the average fuel economy of all new passenger vehicles is at its lowest point since 1980, while fuel consumption is at its highest;
  - (4) since 1995, a provision in the transportation appropriations Acts has prohibited the Department of Transportation from examining the need to raise CAFE standards for sport utility vehicles and other light trucks;
  - (5) that provision denies purchasers of new sport utility vehicles and other light trucks the benefits of available fuel saving technologies;
  - (6) the current CAFE standards save more than 3,000,000 barrels of oil per day;
  - (7)(A) the current CAFE standards have remained the same for nearly a decade;
  - (B) the CAFE standard for sport utility vehicles and other light trucks is  $\frac{3}{4}$  the standard for automobiles; and
  - (C) the CAFE standard for sport utility vehicles and other light trucks is 20.7 miles per gallon and the standard for automobiles is 27.5 miles per gallon;
  - (8) because of CAFE standards, the average sport utility vehicle emits about 75 tons of carbon dioxide over the life of the vehicle while the average car emits about 45 tons of carbon dioxide;
  - (9) the technology exists to cost effectively and safely make vehicles go further on a gallon of gasoline; and
  - (10) improving light truck fuel economy would not only cut pollution but also save oil and save owners of new sport utility vehicles and other light trucks money at the gas pump.
- (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—
- (1) the issue of CAFE standards should be permitted to be examined by the Department of Transportation, so that consumers may benefit from any resulting increase in the standards as soon as possible; and
  - (2) the Senate should not recede to section 320 of this bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, which prevents an increase in CAFE standards.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that on Thursday, September 23rd, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold an oversight hearing titled, "Y2K—Will The Lights Go Out?" The purpose of the hearing is to explore the potential consequences of the year 2000

computer problem to the Nation's supply of electricity. The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Those who wish further information may write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Sylvia Baca to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; and Ivan Itkin to be Director of the Office of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be permitted to meet on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on the nomination of Sally Katzen to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on the issue of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Contract Support Costs.

The hearing will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct and oversight hearing on the issues of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Contract Support Costs.